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May 11, 2020

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I have been contacted by my constituent Mr. Kurt Bailey, County Engineer for Polk County in Iowa's Third District, for the consideration for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant program for their Broadway Avenue Multi-Modal Improvements Project.

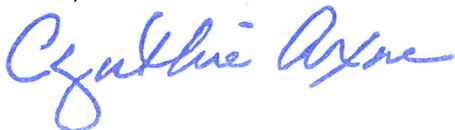
Polk County intends to use the funding to significantly improve parts of Broadway Avenue in the City of Des Moines and in the surrounding parts of Polk County. Most days, Broadway Avenue is used by thousands of residents and workers and congestion has continued to increase. Polk County is confident their project will limit delays and significantly improve pedestrian safety, the latter of which is of concern in regards to rail crossings in the corridor.

Recently, a 16-year-old student lost his life after his vehicle lost control passing over the dual railroad crossing on Broadway Avenue. Polk County communicated to our office that they have been in discussion with Union Pacific Railroad to close one of the four railroad crossings along the corridor, helping to prevent future accidents. They believe it has become apparent the corridor needs improvements to provide pedestrians and motorists with a safe and walkable environment.

We thank you for your full and fair consideration consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations in the processing on this application. Please do not hesitate to contact our caseworker, Caroline Hogan, at caroline.hogan@mail.house.gov regarding this matter.

We appreciate any updates you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Cindy Axne (IA-03)
U.S. House of Representatives